

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
LANDSCAPE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – August 5, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Melissa Hyde, Vice Chair, called the Landscape Board meeting to order on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 5:57 p.m. at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mark DiGiando Melissa Hyde Ken Shepherd Matt Winger
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In attendance from the City Administration was Mike Musser, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Winger made a **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by DiGiando. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes, and Shepherd, abstained – not present on April 1, 2015. **Motion carried 3-1-0.**

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chapter 1182 – Tree Preservation Draft**

Musser gave a brief history of Chapter 914 which was passed and then rescinded. The plan presented to the Board is a draft of Chapter 1182 prepared by Development. This is replacing 914. Both Development and developers felt Chapter 914 was confusing and too harsh. Hyde asked what was taken out. This revision brings us to an average plan based on surrounding communities. Shepherd asked about trees in easements. Musser explained the developer's plan must include all the way to the curb line. Chapter 1182 effects new development only. Parks reviewed the street plan on the development across the street from City Hall just last week because there was nothing in place. Shepherd ask about the development on Stygler Road near Olde Ridenour. Musser indicated Parks reviewed the street tree plan and it met the requirements. Hyde asked what is a dwelling unit and wants a definition page added to the document. Winger asked for the list of approved trees. The list of approved trees is in the other code. Winger asked about a tree bank and tree removal. Musser stated we do have a park fund for trees and a tree removal process in place. Hyde questioned section 1182.03, number 2, trees to be planted at breast height and 1182.04, item D, should include 6 inches from the ground. Musser will take the Board's recommendations to Development. The Board recommends a definition page, consistent diameter references throughout the document, update the section numbers, remove starred comment in 1182.05 and in renumbered section

1182.06, item b, clarify who determines damage beyond repair. Final draft of Chapter 1182 will be returned to the Board for approval. Winger made a **MOTION** to approve the draft with changes, seconded by Shepherd. **On roll call vote:** DiGiando, yes, Winger, yes, Hyde, yes, and Shepherd, yes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Musser shared updates with the Board. The Department will bring a landscape plan for the north end of the Golf Course to the Board. The trail was approved by Council 6 to 1 but there is resident input regarding the fence. The south end sledding hill will be removed and the north end sledding hill will remain. An anonymous donor gave \$5,000 for an irrigation system in the Herb Garden. There were also walkways added to improve connectivity in the Herb Garden. There are a few additional ash trees to remove this fall. Shepherd mentioned that a 35 foot tree in Woodmark Woods Reserve is dead and should be removed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

Nothing at this time

### **POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT:**

Nothing at this time

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The Landscape Board meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Submitted by,

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Nancy Ballenger, Human Resources Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

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Jane Allinder, Chair